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APPLICANT(s): Salmi et al. CONF. NO.: 4245

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TITLE: A METHOD FOR PRESENTING INFORMATION CONTAINED IN

MESSAGES IN A MULTIMEDIA TERMINAL, A SYSTEM FOR TRANSMITTING MULTIMEDIA MESSAGES, AND A

MULTIMEDIA TERMINAL

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APPELLANTS' REPLY BRIEF (37 C.F.R. 41.41)

This is a Reply Brief filed in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed February 20, 2008 in the above-identified application.

In his Answer, the Examiner still argues that Jaisimha teaches said presentation model is supplemented with a reference to the location of data in said user message related to presenting said at least one multimedia component included in said user message as recited in the independent claims. The basis for this argument is still the same, i.e., column 7, lines 18-25, of Jaisimha. However, there the SMIL file "foo.smi" is separate from the files "titanic.rp" and "foo.rm". The SMIL file "foo.smi" only contains the names of the files "titanic.rp" and "foo.rm", not the files themselves. Note that Jaisimha in column 7, line 5, discloses "tagg" and not "files". Further, the last recited feature of claim 1 clearly recites that said presentation model, i.e., the file itself, is added to said same user message. The remaining independent claims have the same limitation.

The Examiner also argues at the end of page 3 to the beginning of page 4 of his Answer that <u>since Jaisimha does not disclose different messages, the user message disclosed is pointing to the same user message</u>. However, it is respectfully submitted that it is incorrect to say that if one file or message contains a reference to another file, that the first referencing file or message **becomes** the second referenced file or message. Consider a hypothetical example wherein a patent has a disclosure of a device. It is evident that the device <u>itself</u> is <u>not included in the patent</u>.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is again respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, a reversal by this Honorable Board of the rejection of claims 1-26 is requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

Respectfully submitted,

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